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unemployment, the Government of India take into account the general conditions of unemployment throughout the country and sanction certain productive schemes.''

Sri M. S. MOGRAL :—''Will the Government make continuous requests to the Centre for allotment and will they keep in mind that in South Kanara, we have big works—road works, for instance—for which the Central Government have called for suggestions? ''

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' This question may be put to the Minister for Public Works.''

Restrictions on hand-carts in regard to the used of certain roads in the City.

* 248-C *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Commissioner of Police, Madras, passed any order recently preventing the rickshaws and hand-pulling carts from plying on the roads in the Madras City at particular hours of the day; if so, the reason therefor?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' Yes, Sir; but this restriction applies only to bullock-carts and hand-carts carrying or intended to carry goods and not to rickshaws or any other vehicle carrying men or women. By this restriction it was expected that there will be a smooth flow of traffic and that traffic congestion at the peak hours on certain busy roads in the City will be relieved to an appreciable extent. The Government have withdrawn all restrictions in the afternoon period and modified the morning restrictions to two hours (9–11) and to very few difficult places only.''

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—'' ഈ ഓഡർ പാസ്സാക്കിയതുമൂലം കൈവണ്ടി വലിച്ചു ജീവിക്കുന്ന ആയിരക്കണക്കായ തൊഴിലാളികൾക്കു അവരുടെ ഉപജീവനമാർഗ്ഗം നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടുപോയതുകൊണ്ടു് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു് ഈ കല്പന പിൻവലിക്കുവാൻ ആലോചിക്കുമോ എന്നു് അറിയേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ടു്.''

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' It is on these considerations that I pressed for annoyance being suffered or tolerated to a certain extent.''

Sri C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—'' May I know why the hon. Member is so very anxious to steal my thunder? '' (Laughter.) 11-20 a.m.

Sri S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI :—'' Sir, in view of the fact that such restrictions on carts would compel the employers to engage only lorries, would it not be true to say that on account of such restrictions, a large number of coolies plying hand-carts would be thrown out of employment? ''

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' Not by the present arrangement, Sir. The present arrangement gives a long lease of life to hand-carts.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the fact that the traffic restrictions that have been imposed during morning hours—two hours between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.—have caused considerable unemployment and discontent among the labourers, will the Government be pleased to convene a small conference of the leaders of these workers and those who are interested in this subject and come to a saner arrangement so that the poor people may not be put to lot of difficulties? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I am very sorry that sometimes Government do what the hon. Members feel they should have asked for earlier. We have taken all these into consideration and we have done it in consultation with those who are interested in the hand-carts. I was more particular in getting the restrictions removed than any hon Member here putting questions."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" கடுமையான போக்குவரத்து நேரத்தில் கைவண்டிகள் போன்றவைகள் போவதால் ஏற்கனவே அதிகப்படியான ஆக்சிடெண்டுகள் (Accidents) நடந்திருக்கிறதென்ற அடிப்படையில் இந்த ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Not a question of accident, but a question of speedy movement during hours when men are very eager to reach at a particular point of time their offices. So the restrictions have been imposed between 9 and 11, to reduce this congestion. At all other times there is no restriction. There is no question of accident, thank God, yet."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is not the restriction imposed without an Act of the Legislature a curtailment of the rights of the cart pullers according to the Constitution? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The very appointment of policemen to order people about under traffic control, is a curtailment to some extent."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the plan to restrict the movement of hand-carts between certain hours in the day will be included in the Five-Year Plan for solving unemployment."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" அந்த தடை செய்யப்பட்ட இரண்டு மணி நேரங்களில் வெத்து வண்டிகளை இழுத்துக்கொண்டு போவதற்குக் கூட ஏதாவது தடை உண்டா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the restriction applies to carts which carry goods whether on their empty return or on their loaded march."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" സർ, രാവിലെ രണ്ടു മണിക്കൂർ മാത്രമെ ഈ റിസ്ട്രക്ക്ഷൻ ഉള്ളു എന്ന് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട പ്രധാനമന്ത്രി പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. എന്നാൽ എത്രയോ അധികം കാട്ട് പുള്ളേഴ്സിന്നു പ്രവൃത്തി ലഭിക്കുന്ന മണിക്കൂറുകൾ ആണു ഇതെന്നും, ഈ സമയത്തു ലോറിക്കാർ ഈ സാധനങ്ങൾ കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ റെസ്ട്രിക്ക്ഷൻകൊണ്ടു് കാർട്ട് പുള്ളേഴ്സിന്നു ഗുണമില്ല എന്നുള്ളതു് മന്ത്രി അറിയുമോ ? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, after considerable investigation, discussion, negotiation and pacification, we have arrived at this. We will see how it works."

Enquiry into the conditions of hotel workers.

* 248-D *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether any proposal is under consideration by the Government to appoint a court of enquiry to go ino the conditions of the hotel workers in this State?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no such proposal, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in Madras City alone there are about 12,000 hotel workers and in the whole State there are thousands and thousands of workers. Minimum wages have not been fixed for these workers and hotel-keepers also do not carry out the provisions of the Shop Assistants Act and thus the workers do not get any leave. Hotel-keepers close hotels in violation of Acts passed by this Government. In view of these, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to constitute an enquiry committee to go into these matters and fix minimum wages as desired by the workers in the memorandum submitted by them to the Government? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, for the rectification of these difficulties and the remedying of dissatisfaction, there are other legal remedies which will have to be sought for first."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" In view of the fact that wages have been fixed for certain number of hotel workers as a result of adjudication proceedings, hotels not governed by the award as at a competitive advantage, will the Government reconsider their attitude towards this situation and set up a committee so that a uniform level of wages may prevail for all the workers working in the industry? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I have said already, at present Government have no such proposals under consideration. They feel that the existing laws are enough to rectify the difficulties. If the hon. Member is prepared to make out a case and submit it to Government, we shall certainly look into the matter."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" സർ, ഇന്ത്യാ യൂനിയൻ പ്രസിഡെണ്ടിൻെറ പുതിയ ഓഡിനൻസിൽനിന്നു രക്ഷപ്പെടുവാൻ സിററിയിലെ ഹോട്ടൽ ഉടമസ്ഥന്മാർ തൊഴിലാളികളുടെ സർവ്വീസ് നഷ്ടപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ ഇടക്കിടെ പിരിച്ചു വിടുകയും, പിന്നീട് ചേർക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുകയാണ്. ഇതു തടയുവാൻ ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു അടിയന്തരമായി നടപടി എടുക്കുമോ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have no such information, Sir. I would like the hon. Member to give it to me in writing and I shall examine it."